## **City of Seattle**

**Urban Forestry Commission** 

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## 2022 Work Plan

## Adopted xxx, 2022

## **2022 Priority Actions:**

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The Urban Forestry Commission's work for 2022 is organized in five focus areas; tree-related City regulations and policies, urban forestry funding, outreach and engagement, Seattle Comprehensive Plan 2024 update, and internal operations. The following five worksheets contain the topics and actions, and their related tracking information, for each of these focus areas.

1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies									
Topic Area/Action	Priority Level	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status		
1.1 Urban Forestry Statements of Legislative Intent									
$1.1.1\mathrm{UF}$ Consolidation SLI - Participate in deliberative sessions with City staff and Council around urban forestry consolidation						Coordination/relationship			
1.1.2 Chief Arborist SLI - Participate in deliberative sessions with City staff						Recommendations			
1.2 Advise City on tree and urban forest protection ordinance update									
1.2.1 Participate in deliberative sessions on Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance update						Recommendations			
1.2.2 SDCI payment in lieu as mitigation						Recommendations			
1.2.3 Legislation dealing with zoning that can affect urban forestry						Recommendations			
1.3 Advise the City on urban forestry policies									
1.3.1 Climate Change						Issue/project monitoring			
1.3.1.1 Engage with GND Advisory Board						Coordination/relationship			
1.3.2 Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory						Recommendations			

Priority criteria - urgency/timeliness (Comp Plan), importance (climate change, env. justice)

Lenses - climate change, environmental justice

2. Funding for Urban Forestry								
Topic Area/Action	Priority Level	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status	
2.1 City budget tracking						Recommendations		
2.2 Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance						Recommendations	_	
2.3 Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds and reimagining process						Issue/project monitoring		
2.4 Trees for Seattle program update						Issue/project monitoring		
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3. Outreach and Engagement									
Topic Area/Action	Priority Level	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status		
3.1 City Council and Mayor's Office interaction: Hold meetings with Council and									
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3.2 Community engagement/education									
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seek out underrepresented communities that have not been historically at the						Coordination/relationship			
3.2.2 Develop info sheet to respond to community inquiries/communications						Other external product			
3.2.2.1 Break down the conversation of trees vs. X (gentrification,						Other external product			
development vs. trees, affordable housing, etc.) 3.2.3 Meet with community groups to engage in gialogue about the importance of						other external product			
trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities (Key Arena									
redevelopment, tree protection ordinance update, development and real estate						Coordination/relationship			
community)									
3.3 Race and Social Justice Initiative									
3.3.1 Incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work						Internal product			
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3.4 Internal Engagement									
3.4.1 Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan (Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting)						Coordination/relationship			
3.4.2 Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC						Coordination/relationship			
5.5 Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners			-						
3.5.1 Integrated perspective (including public health)			1			Coordination/relationship			
3.5.2 Engagement with landowners						Coordination/relationship			
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4. Seattle Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update								
Topic Area/Action	<b>Priority Level</b>	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status	
4.1 Support Comprehensive Plan update: Engage with planning team, provide review of and input to draft plan						Recommendations		
4.1.1 Track update process								

5. Internal Operations								
Topic Area/Action	<b>Priority Level</b>	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status	
5.1 Issue 2021 Annual Report						Other external product		
5.2 Create 2021 work plan						Internal product		
5.3 Participate in interviews for UFC members recruitment						Internal product		
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5.4 Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections						Internal product		